MIMI, A MONKEY, HAS MIND CAPABLE OF HUMAN THOUGHT

Dr. William H. Furness Declares if There Are Such Things as Souls This Animal Has One.

Can a monkey have a mind capable of development to the point of rational thought? Can a monkey have a soul? Mimi, who until a few years ago swung mirily with her forebears in the palms of the Congo, but who now leads a life of retirement and restraint at Wallingford, smiled at the questions. Mimi can smile. She can also read, write, farm, dance and be generally amazing.

Dr. William H. Furness, biologist, ethnologist, world traveler, author and student of the simildae, did not smile, "If there are such things as souls I am

convinced Mimi has one," he said. "She has a code of honor, a sense of justice, a capacity for affection, fealty, gratitude and all those noble attributes of mind upon which man's claim to spirituality is

Mimi, repressing a tendency to appear bored by the turn of the conversation, smiled again, requested the loan of an EVENING LEDGER, which her biographer carried, and applied herself to the illustrated page.

"Some months ago," Doctor Furness resumed, "I returned from Borneo, where I had been studying tribal customs. After a close acquaintance with the Punans, the lowest of the Borneo tribes, I returned to Mimi with an enlarged appreciation of her intelligence. The Punans live in packs, as do wolves, find a wild taploca crop, build dens, stay until the crop is exhausted and then move on to pastures new. They have no 'urge to knowledge'; they apparently are devoid of even the slightest tendency to proggress, lacking the smallest speck of decency. Nevertheless, the world endows them with spiritual possibilities, accords them divinity, says they have souls, while Mimi, who excels them in many ways, is merely a 'beast'!" sumed, "I returned from Borneo, where

MIMI'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS. Mimi is 8 years old and in the divergence and number of her achievements surpasses the average child of her age. She is a chimpanzee. She has been in captivity, or rather, tame, for five years. She strenuously objects to the term "in captivity" and protested when the un-Minitiated chronicler used it. She lives in a specially constructed two-room, steam-heated "apartment," not a cage, and has the freedom of Doctor Furness' and has the freedom of Doctor Furness large residence. She accepts and is ac-cepted by the best society and she fre-quently acts as hostess at afternoon tea and other functions. Her mornings are devoted to exercise and study. The form-er she takes in the ample grounds about the Furniss home. She weeds the flower beds, digs, rakes and hoes. At times she condescends to romp with Roxie, a mere dog that does not even know the alpha-bet. Mimi knew that when she was 8. Mimi is a strong advocate of the out-door life, and at the proper moment in-timated to Doctor Furness during the in-

terview that she would enjoy a walk.
"All right, got dressed," he said.
Mimi chattered, the doctor interpreting.
"She says she'll be ready in a few

minutes."
Fifteen minutes elapsed. Thus did Mimi reveal the inevitable feminine weakness Then she appeared. She is an apostle of the utilitarian and affects masculinity in dress. She wears trousers of the simplest design, a sweater, coat, artics and a cap. She scorns a cane.

LINGERS OVER GRAVE. The party started through the grounds toward the station, Mimi loquacious but sedate. It came to a little mound, under which remains all that was mortal of Borneo, an orang outang of distinction, and Mimi's friend. He died of pneumonia several winters ago. Mimi became silent and lingered. Then she stooped and picked the dead leaves from the grave.

"She will plant pansles there in the spring," Doctor Furness said. "Tellow ones, she's fond of yellow, and so was Borneo, although he could not distinguish the shades of color as Mimi can."

Buddenly Mimi stood, listened and chattered.

"She says the train's coming," said Dector Furness. We could not hear it, but we took her word, shook hands and left.

ELATION AT CRAMP'S

Mavy Contract and Trial of Great Northern Please Shipbuilders. Workmen at the William Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine Building Company's plant were elated today at the announce-ment that the Navy Department had awarded a contract to the concern to build one of the five new torpedoboat destroyers.

destroyers.

Further rejoicing was aroused among the shipbuilders when it became known that the new passenger and freight steamship Great Northern, which they had turned out, had exceeded her speed requirements by more than a knot. This makes the Great Northern the largest and speedlest passenger and freight steamship ever constructed on the Delawars River.

ware River.

The Great Northern was tied up to a wharf at the shipparis this morning, and the work of finishing her interior decorations and furnishings was begun. The vessel is scheduled to leave here on January 7 for a cruise through the Pansama Canal to the Pacific coast. Hhe will carry a full passenger list when she leaves. Her sister ship, the Northern Pacific, is being prepared for her trial trip. prepared for her trial trip.

Aged Poetess Asphyxiated HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. is.—With an unfinished Christmas posm upon her desk. Miss Mary L. Bartlett, a high school teacher and of local prominence as a postess, was found dead in her apartments, having been accidentally asphysiated. She was 74 years of age, and for many years was a teacher of English at the Haverhill High School.

INVASION OF CITY BY RIVAL ELECTRIC **COMPANY RUMORED**

Report of Negotiations by Philadelphia Electric to Lease Keystone Telephone Conduits Basis of Belief.

Possible invasion by a rival electric company is believed to be responsible for eforted negotiations by the Philadelphia Slectric Company to lease for a large turn certain unused underground conum certain duits of the Keystone Telephone Com-

pany.

Joseph B. McCall, president of the Philadelphia Electric Company, refused to deny or affirm whether such negotiations were under way. He also declined to say whether his company had ever made pro-

posais for such a lease.

Revival of the talk followed the beginning of the city's fight for reduced electric light rates. Testimony relating to rates charged by the Philadelphia Electric Company was given last month in Harrisburg before the Public Service Commission.

For years it has been known generally that only about 50 to 60 per cent. of the total conduits owned by the Keystone Telephone Company are in actual use. It was pointed out today by financiers that the transfer of the total conduits owned to the total conduits owned to the total conduits the transfer of the total conduits the total conduits of the total conduit the unused conduits, each of which has a capacity of about 400 circuits, would be a valuable asset to any electric company which might care to invade the field here. The Keystone Telephone Company, which was organized in 1900 under the laws of New Jersey, owns about 12,500,000 or 13,000,000 feet of vitrified tiled conduits in the city of Philadelphia. The valuation of this property is fixed at about \$6,000,000. Since the negotiations were reported, stock of the Keystone Telephone Company has

been going up.
Nathan T. Folwell, president of the company, who declares that there has never been any discussion at meetings of the board of directors regarding possible leasing of the conduits, said that the stock had simply gone up because business was Improving.

Keystone common stock closed at 13

on Saturday. On December 7 it was sell-

Years ago the Philadelphia Electric Company made a tentative proposal to purchase the conduit system for \$2.50,000, the telephone company to pay a rental of \$125,000 per annum for what it used. That proposal was rejected. proposal was rejected.

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The Keystone Telephone Company was granted authority to lay its conduits by an ordinance signed on December 26, 1902, during the administration of Mayor Ashbridge. The company filed a bond of \$50,000. Under the ordinance it is at liberty to lease any of the conduits.

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